

Hello, I am writing to address the proposed "rules" changes to the National do not call list. The do not call list was a simple concept, do not call phone numbers on the list. It seems to me that this simple concept has been weighed down by so much legal language that the ordinary American can't figure out what it actually does. Even more disturbing to me is the realization that it does nothing more than give telemarketers a centralized list of phone numbers to call. I signed up to the list thinking I would stop getting these calls, however the number of calls has actually increased. At first I would report the most annoying calls, but as time went on I realized that nothing was being done to stop these people, and I stopped reporting them because I saw it as only waisting more time and money. I am self employed and it costs me money each time a telemarketer calls as it ties up my time and a phone line. In addition, the spam FAXes costs more due to toner and paper costs (the opt-out clause for FAXes doesn't work either). These "phone spammers" will not let you off the phone without you having to be as rude to them as they are to you. I have even had several call me back and yell at me for hanging up on them, even after I told them the number they called was on the do not call list. Some have read back the loophole they are using to call me under, told me they were allowed to call and there was nothing I could do about it. I think it important to note here, I have never and will never purchase ANYTHING a telemarketer is selling. I firmly believe telemarketing should be illegal. This simple fact has not stopped, or even slowed, the flood of calls received each day. The problem is getting worse not better. Left unchecked (as I believe it is today) the phone system will become much like e-mail, 80% spam. It is currently getting in the way of doing business and making a living, exactly the problem the do not call list was supposed to help with. As I stated earlier, I do not believe the "rules" for the national do not call list are being enforced. I also see any loosening of these "rules" as pandering to the industry being regulated. I do not understand why there needs to be a "rules" change when the "rules" now in effect are not being enforced. Is it just me, or is the F.T.C. too busy sending my work to China and India, to do it's job? Or is this just another political payoff for election time contributions (one must wonder at the timing of all this with the elections being just a few weeks ago)? I guess the question I would most like to ask is, why is the F.T.C. selling out the American people, again? Dale Miller Destiny Mold Design